



State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Global Commitment Register

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PROPOSED

Women's Health Initiative Expansion to Primary Care Providers

Policy Summary:

The Blueprint for Health, a program of the Agency of Human Services (AHS), is expanding the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) recurring per member per month (PMPM) payments to Blueprint primary care providers (PCPs) who implement the WHI strategies. Through the WHI, these providers will provide enhanced health and psychosocial screening along with comprehensive family planning counseling that emphasizes the effectiveness of different birth control options and same-day insertion for women who choose long acting reversible contraceptives as their preferred method of birth control. Payments will support effective follow-up to provider screenings through brief, in-office intervention and referral to services for depression, substance abuse, intimate partner violence, food, and housing. For the first 12 months of participation in the program, practices will be paid a \$1.25 PMPM on Medicaid beneficiaries seen in the past two years; in subsequent years of participation, practices will be paid a base payment of \$1.00 PMPM plus a quality payment of up to \$0.50 PMPM based on performance measures. The WHI will work to ensure participating providers have the resources they need to help women be well, avoid unintended pregnancies, and build thriving families.

Effective Date:

October 1, 2017

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Global Commitment to Health 1115 Waiver](#). Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #28.

Population Affected:

Female patients 15 – 44 years old with Vermont Medicaid as primary payer or dual-enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid without having a commercial insurer as the primary payer.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated budget impact for the first year of this expansion is \$400,000. The estimated impact for subsequent years is \$480,000.

Public Comment Period:

9/22/17 – 10/22/17

Send comments to:

AHS Medicaid Policy Unit
280 State Drive, Center Building
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Or [submit a comment via e-mail](#).

There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, that information can be found at the [DVHA website](#) either through the calendar or listed under upcoming events.

Additional Information:

- The Vermont Blueprint for Health is a state-led, nationally-recognized initiative transforming the way primary care and comprehensive health services are delivered and paid for. More information about the Blueprint can be found by visiting the [Blueprint for Health](#) website.
- [Women's Health Initiative section in the Blueprint Manual](#)
- [WHI attestation document for Blueprint providers](#)